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ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD)

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MOHAMMAD MIRZA SAMAH, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS SECTION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO PRESENT INFORMATION AND U.S. POSITION REGARDING UNCSTD ON JANUARY 17. MR. SAMAH EXPRESSED HIS KEEN INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE, BUT STATED THAT IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED IF AFGHANISTAN WOULD ATTEND THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 3, OR WHO WOULD CONSTITUTE THE DELEGATION.

2. MR. SAMAH EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD DEVOTE MAJOR ATTENTION TO THE MEANS FOR STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE TO GENERATE AND SUSTAIN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES OF DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES, SAYING THAT THE ACQUISITION OF TECHNOLOGY IS RELATIVELY EASY; BUT THAT ADAPTING IT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, APPLYING IT, TRAINING INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN USE IT, IS INFINITELY MORE DIFFICULT.

3. AFGHANISTAN'S PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD ARE BEING COORDINATED BY ABDUL AHMAD KARAZAI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AND

TECHNICAL EVALUATION IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED ITS INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE BY SENDING KARZAI TO THE DEPARTMENT'S 30-DAY SPECIAL PROGRAM ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT AT ITS OWN EXPENSE (AFTER AN ACADEMICIAN HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY ANOTHER DEPARTMENT FOR THE USG GRANT, AND HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE PROGRAM SPONSOR) -- SOMETHING QUITE UNUSUAL FOR THE GOA IN EXPERIENCE OF THE EMBASSY. A NATIONAL PAPER IS BEING PREPARED UNDER KARZAI'S DIRECTION, BUT IT IS FAR FROM CLEAR IF IT WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE MAY 1 SCHEDULE.
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